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SUBJECT: PART II CHEMICALS PROGRAM: FRG CONTRIBUTION

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1. MISSION HAS DETERMINED THAT SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING, TO BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY DOES ASSUME HIGHER FRG FIGURE (250,000 DM) FOR ITS BUDGET CALCULATION. HOWEVER, DR. RODERICK, DURING BRIEF VISIT PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR VACATION, STATED THAT HE HAD NO OFFICIAL WORD FROM FRG DELEGATION TO THIS EFFECT AND WAS USING THIS FIGURE ON HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY.

2. IN THE ABSENCE ON VACATION OF FRG DEL ENVIRONMENT COUNSELOR, ANOTHER DEL OFFICER INSISTED TO USOECD SCIENCE COUNSELOR THEY HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN AUTHORIZING HIGHER FIGURE. HE PROMISED TO INFORM US WHEN INSTRUCTIONS WERE RECEIVED.

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3. PHONE CALL FROM SECRETARIAT TO INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN BONN INDICATED THAT COORDINATION PROCESS AMONG MINISTRIES WAS STILL IN PROCESS. APPARENTLY, UNANIMITY ON LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION AND WHETHER IT REPRESENTS SUPPORT FOR FIRST YEAR, FOR 15 MONTHS, OR FOR THREE YEARS, HAS NOT BEEN REACHED.

4. CONDITION REFERRED TO IN REF (B) HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED BEFORE BY FRG DEL AT COUNCIL MEETING. CLEARLY, PART II PROGRAM REQUIRES REORGANIZATION OF EXISTING CHEMICALS STAFF TO SUPPORT BOTH PART I AND PART II ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL STAFF AND PROVISIONS FOR DIVISION OF LABOR AND COORDINATION OF PROJECTS. FRG CONDITION TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS NOT BEEN STATED BEFORE AND COULD REPRESENT SERIOUS HANDICAP TO SECRETARIAT.

5. SINCE PEOPLE IN ELDIN'S OFFICE, CHEMICALS SECRETARIAT, FRG DELEGATION, AND BONN MINISTRIES ARE ABSENT ON VACATION DURING AUGUST, IT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN VALID INFORMATION OR GET ANY ACTION DURING THIS PERIOD. MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS SITUATION AND REPORT ANY DEVELOPMENTS.
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